Found 2 days later — dead, in steel drum — in Biscayne Bay 8/6/76

Mobster in CIA plot on Castro vanishes

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WASHINGTON — John Roselli, the organized crime figure who last year acknowledged his role in the Central Intelligence Agency's plot against the life of Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, has disappeared from his home in the Miami area.

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Tom Wadden, his lawyer, said yesterday that Roselli left home in his sister's car on Wednesday, July 28, after assuring her he would return for dinner that evening.

Wadden said the 1975 Chevrolet was later found by Roselli's brother-in-law at the Miami airport. Roselli's golf clubs were in the trunk, Wadden said.

Asked whether any evidence had been found indicating that Roselli, 69, might have left the country by plane, Wadden said his client did not hold a U.S. passport because of a deportation order, which he is appealing.

It is possible, however, to board an airplane bound for certain countries, such as Mexico and the Bahamas, without a passport.

Roselli, a stocky, silver-haired former member of the Chicago crime organization once headed by Al Capone, testified last year before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence about his role in making arrangements for at least two attempts on Castro's life in 1960 and 1961.

He worked on that project with Sam Giancana, Capone's successor, who was murdered in June 1975 a few months before Roselli's testimony.